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### THE SCHOOL REGISTER INVESTIGATION.

The confession of Messrs. Thomas, principal of the Richmond High School, and McGilvray, a clerk of the State Board of Education, that both of them had made profits from the sale of school registers to the teachers of the State, is evidence that the "graft germ," although in a small way, has invaded the South. Graft has existed for some years, and on gigantic scales, in other sections of the country, but in the South proper while from time to time we have been regaled with, for the most part, groundless charges of graft, our affairs, governmental, municipal and private have been honestly administered. It is for this reason that the developments in connection with the inquiry into Mr. Eggleston's charges before the State Board of Education have caused so much interest and excited so much comment, in spite of the fact that the speculation of the gentlemen charged was comparatively insignificant. Nevertheless, the conduct of these gentlemen is no less reprehensible on account of the fact that their illegal profits were small, and they got no more than their just dues in dismissal from the positions they held and prosecution for the offense. The State Board of Education is not without fault and every member of it is responsible for a lack of vigilance, and while they acted promptly when the matter was brought to their attention, yet the exposure was brought about by an outsider, Mr. Eggleston, who is a candidate for superintendent of public instruction. We are glad the exposure took place before the germs of this modern popular disease took deep root in the vitals of the body politic, and we hope that it has been entirely eradicated.

The Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia has a Chinese student who will graduate with distinguished honors this year. She is known as Miss Li Bi Cu and will be the first graduate in medicine in this country from the "Flowery Kingdom."

There are several members of the Cabinet and several ex-members who are looking towards the presidential chair and imagine that they would fit it to a T. The most difficult thing about it, however, is to get the public to think about it as they do.

Dowie is trying to raise \$200,000 to enable him to make a crusade on Paris. He thinks he can convert the great wicked city if he had that much money. The Parisians seem to take the matter as one of Dowie's huge jokes.

Norway is seeking recognition from the United States government, but it seems to be premature, as it has not yet determined what its form of government is to be. President Roosevelt is in favor of republics.

There is a considerable feeling in this country to the effect that the President should keep out of the Morocco question, but it is hard to tell in advance just what he will do about it.

The Krupps' Essen works have orders far ahead for guns for the Eastern war. That does not look like a cessation of hostilities even in the near future.

Hon. Carl Schurz says he would put his trust in schools rather than in battleships. Our President puts his trust in both.

### TRUCKERS' LOSS \$1,000,000

Late Spring And Low Prices Affect Norfolk District.  
"There has been a loss to truckers here of \$1,000,000 this season," said W. L. Newton, shipping agent, at Norfolk. "Beans are worth less than ever before. They have been sold for 5 cents a bushel, whereas the normal price is \$1.50 to \$1.75. Two cargoes sent from here were carried from the wharves in Boston as garbage. Irish potatoes sold for 75 cents a barrel in Boston, and they are scarcely worth shipping. I have not known such a disastrous season for 20 years."

### SUMMER SCHOOL AT CHARLOTTESVILLE

"Over eight hundred teachers have signified their intention to come and work one-third of whom were ladies. It is the latest report from Superintendent Glass, who has charge of the Summer School at Charlottesville, commencing Monday, June 26, 1905, and ending Friday, August 4, 1905.  
The total enrollment in the past summer has been 9,500, and with the able faculty who will have charge this summer fully 2,000 teachers are expected to be in attendance.

### GOV. MONTAGUE AT LOUISA

Governor Montague spoke to a fair audience at Louisa C. H. Saturday, about one-third of whom were ladies. He was introduced by Mr. B. L. Gordon. In his speech he dwelt principally on the "Junior Senator," denying that he had ever abused him, but said that he had the same right to criticize his public record, that any citizen had, which he proceeded to do, Saturday night he spoke at Mineral.

### "DRYS" WIN

Judge Harrison, of the Page county Circuit Court, has decided the Shenandoah City local option contest in favor of the "dry" faction. The town, which was in the southern part of Page county, voted for local option in the election of May 9 by a majority of four. The "wet" faction immediately carried the case to court. By this decision the last licensed barroom is removed from Page county.

Have your eyes tested and glasses fitted by an experienced optician. Norris, the jeweler and optician, has had twenty years experience. All eyes examined free. Try him.

## BLOODY BATTLE IN STREETS OF LODZ

Polish City the Scene of a Frightful Slaughter.

200 DEAD, OVER 1000 INJURED

### Outbreak Against Oppression of the Czar Leads to Terrible Fighting, Men, Women and Children Being Shot Down by Troops—Streets Resembled a Shambles.

Lodz, Russian Poland, June 26.—The most serious phase of the fighting between the military and strikers is at an end, but there are still isolated attacks in the suburbs. Over 200 killed and upwards of 1000 wounded is the result of three days of street battles.

At Baluty Cossacks attacked a Jewish family of five persons, who were driving in a cab to the railway station, and shot and killed all, including the cabman.

At Pahljanie, near Lodz, workmen attacked two policemen and shot and killed one and wounded the other.

There is a general exodus from Lodz. Twelve thousand persons have already left and all trains are crowded.

During the disturbances 35 government liquor stores were destroyed by the mobs, which appropriated all the cash and stamps found on the premises. The cash and stamps were added to the funds of the Socialist party.

Some prominent citizens this morning telegraphed General Shastov, commanding the troops here, asking for protection against the brutality of the soldiers, especially the Cossacks, who in one instance killed and robbed the servant of a millionaire named Rosenblatt, who was carrying \$5000 to the bank. The general promised to punish the offenders, but said he required witnesses of the occurrence to testify against the Cossacks.

The city resembles a shambles and the terrible scenes will never be wiped from the memory of the Polish people. The fighting spirit of the people is aroused. They have tasted blood and want more. Certainly the revolutionary spirit is abroad, and it remains to be seen whether military measures will have the same effect as previously.

Practically the whole population, numbering over 100,000, is in open revolt. The troops now number about 23,000.

Friday's fighting was of a character vastly different from the mob riots of February.

The strikers paraded the streets in martial array, and when threatened by the imperial troops threw up barricades of paving stones. This was repeated in a dozen parts of the city. In every instance the troops, armed with rifles and machine guns, stormed them and bayoneted the defenders. The strikers defended themselves with revolvers and bombs. Through the precautions of the authorities none of them had been able to secure rifles.

The slaughter included women and children as well as men. Wives of the strikers fought with desperation, and in the first encounter a girl of 13, armed with a revolver, blew out the brains of a Cossack. In the same encounter a man hurled a bomb into the ranks of the Cossacks and killed or wounded 20 of them.

After the troops had carried all the street barricades the strikers, in groups of from five to 100, lurked in the side streets, and fired volleys at the soldiery marching along with rifle volleys, stormed them and bayoneted the defenders. The strikers defended themselves with revolvers and bombs. Through the precautions of the authorities none of them had been able to secure rifles.

The streets were hardly less frightful, though the slaughter was much smaller than Friday. The strikers did not parade and no barricades were erected, but furtive shooting from windows, from alleys and from house-tops went on from dawn until sunset, and at night men with long knives lurked at every street corner and patrols of soldiers in many parts of the city have been set upon and slaughtered by these silent, terrible foes.

At Baluty, a suburb of Lodz, four Cossacks were killed and 16 others wounded by a bomb which was thrown into their barracks. Twenty-three of their horses were killed.

The soldiers exhibited the utmost carelessness as to whether they killed peaceful persons or rioters, and as a consequence many women and children were among the dead.

The streets resembled a battlefield. The houses were barricaded with boards and mattresses, and for hours volleys and individual firing were heard in every quarter of the city. Until late at night the Cossacks were busy collecting bodies of the dead and picking up persons seriously wounded. The bodies were carried off in carts to neighboring churches.

Terrible, indeed, is the plight of the wounded, for medical aid is unobtainable and many are dying for the lack thereof.

### CHURCHES STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Other Damage By Storm in Richmond

The Broad Street Methodist, Central Methodist, in Manchester, and Fountain Baptist church, colored, in Richmond, were struck and damaged by lightning Friday.

Two horses were killed, eight street cars disabled, three cables burned in two places, and 400 chickens, which were in a cellar, were drowned.

J. F. Baldwin, who was on a telephone pole, was knocked off by lightning, breaking his arm and leg.

An inch and a quarter of rain fell.

### HORSE BITES TWO MEN

Supposed to be Suffering From Rabies.

Ira D. Chanler and Lewis Scott, well known citizens of Dinwiddie, were seriously bitten by a horse belonging to Chanler. The horse was sick, and supposed to be suffering from rabies, and had been taken to Scott to see if the latter could do anything for his relief. While Scott was examining the horse the animal attacked him fiercely, got him down and bit him in the breast. The horse next attacked Chanler and bit him on the shoulder. Shortly after biting the two men the horse died.

## PEACE PLANS ADVANCE

Date For Meeting of Envoys Submitted to Russia.

### AN ARMISTICE IS IMPROBABLE

Big Battle Likely to Take Place Before Peace Envoys Meet—Japan Has 600,000 Men in the Field—British Ship Sunk By Russian Cruiser.

St. Petersburg, June 26.—Negotiations for the peace conference have taken an important step forward, a proposition for the date of the meeting of the plenipotentiaries at Washington having been submitted to Russia and being now under consideration.

The exact date proposed has not been ascertained, but there is reason to suppose that it is some time during the first week in 10 days of August, which is about the earliest period at which the Japanese representatives could be expected to reach Washington, allowing reasonable time for the acceptance of the proposal and the interchange of the nominations of plenipotentiaries.

The emperor's answer is not expected for a day or two, as the diplomatic mills of Russia grind slowly and the foreign office, as one of the secretaries put it, "is not used to your hustling American methods," but it is thought that the date will be satisfactory, as it will give ample time for M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador at Paris, or other Russian negotiators, to reach Washington, and as there will be little preliminary work for them to do until the Japanese terms are submitted.

M. Neratoff, under minister of foreign affairs and the spokesman of the foreign office, in an interview in the Gazette, declares an armistice ending the meeting of the plenipotentiaries is improbable, and he comments on the possibility of a battle taking place before a conference is held.

The Russian invalid, the army organ, supplies an argument for peace in an estimate of the strength of the Japanese, which it places at from 500,000 to 600,000 men, including the forces operating in Korea. In the five Japanese armies opposing General Linvitch, exclusive of cavalry and artillery, it estimates that there are from 420,000 to 450,000 bayonets, which give Field Marshal Oyama a decided numerical superiority over the strength usually allotted to Linvitch's army.

### One of Japan's Peace Envoys

London, June 26.—The president of the Morning Post at Shanghai says: "Mr. Odagiri, the Japanese consul here, has been recalled. He leaves Tuesday in order to proceed to Washington as one of the peace plenipotentiaries."

### RUSSIAN FORCE ROUTED

Japs Take Their Position By Assault, Inflicting Heavy Loss.

Tokio, June 26.—The following official dispatch has been received from the Japanese army headquarters in Manchuria: "The enemy holding the northwest eminence of Manchouzu was attacked and dislodged on the afternoon of June 22, but a portion of the enemy holding the hills to the west offered stubborn resistance, and the hills were finally taken by assault. Another force of the enemy, holding the hills due north, was attacked from the front, and we simultaneously resorted to a turning movement from the northeast, intercepting his retreat and causing him heavy loss. The enemy in confusion hoisted the Red Cross flag, but this did not stop our firing, and he fled north in disorder. His strength in cavalry and infantry was some 3000 men and several guns. Fifty corpses were left on the field. The enemy's loss was fully 200. Our loss was insignificant."

### LOCAL MARKETS

(Corrected by Simon Hirsch & Bro.)

Wheat, 90 to \$1.00; corn, new, 53 to 55; meal, \$1.30 to \$1.26 per 100; oats, 40 to 45; flax (live) 17 to 18; flax (dead) 10 to 12; live, 10 to 12; spring chickens, 14 to 16 cents per lb; lard, 11 to 12; turkeys, live, 10 to 11; eggs, 14 to 15; butter, 15 to 25; hams, 14 to 17; sweet potatoes, 75 to 80; Irish potatoes, 35 to 40; Maine Houlton Early Rose, 70 to 75; Maine Houlton Early Rose, 70 to 75; beef 3 to 4; pork, 6 to 6 1/2; veal, 4 to 5; lamb, 25 to 30; hides, (green) 5 to 6; hides, (dry), 8 to 10; salted hides, 7 to 8; baled hay, \$10 to \$12 per ton.

Leaf Sumac—55 to 60 per 100.

Wool—Unwashed, 30 to 35; washed, 36 to 40.

### PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets.

PHILADELPHIA—FLOUR steady, winter extras, \$3.75 to \$3.90; PAID YVES No. 1 roller flour, \$4.10; do, extra, \$4.25 to \$4.40; RYE FLOUR firm, per barrel, \$4.20; WHEAT steady; No. 1 hard, \$1.00 to \$1.05; do, No. 2, 95¢ to 1.00; CORN firm; No. 2 yellow, 10¢ to 10 1/2¢; OATS steady No. 2 white, 37¢ to 38¢; lower grades, 34¢ to 35¢; HAY, good, 16 to 18; do, extra, 18 to 20; bales, PORK firm; family, \$7.12; BEEF steady; beef hams, \$22 to \$24; POULTRY, live firm; hens, 14¢; old roosters, 9¢; BUTTER steady; creamery, 22 1/2¢ per pound; EGGS steady; No. 1, 16 to 18; No. 2, 14 to 15; POTATOES steady; new, per bushel, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

BALTIMORE—WHEAT steady; southern, 75¢ to \$1.02; CORN, do, mixed, 55¢ to 56¢; steamers mixed, 55¢ to 56¢; southern, 55¢ to 56¢; OATS firm; white, No. 2, 34¢ to 35¢; No. 3, 32¢ to 33¢; RYE, No. 2, 34¢ to 35¢; BUTTER steady; creamery separator, 21¢ to 22¢; BUTTER, 16 to 18; EGGS, 16 to 18; Maryland and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 14¢; EGGS quiet; fancy Maryland and Pennsylvania, 16 to 18; do, 12 to 14; West Virginia, 15 to 16; southern, 15¢ per dozen.

NEW YORK—BUTTER firm; common to extra creamery, 17 to 20¢; do, state dairy, 15 to 16¢; do, reconditioned, 13 to 14¢; do, western factory, 13 to 14¢; do, western imitation creamery, 14 to 15¢; CHEESE steady; new state full cream, small color and white, fine, 9 to 10¢; do, fair to choice, 8 to 9¢; colored, 7 to 8¢; white, fine, 9 to 10¢; light, 10 to 11¢; EGGS weak; state, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy, 18 to 19¢; do, mixed extra, 16 to 17¢; western, 15 to 16¢; southern, 14 to 15¢; POULTRY, live steady; western spring chickens, 22 to 24¢; turkeys, 12 to 13¢; dressed steady; western broilers, 20 to 25¢; fowls, 10 to 12¢; No. 1, 16 to 17¢; POTATOES steady; southern rose, \$1.25 to \$1.30; southern second, 75¢ to \$1.00; Jersey sweets, \$1.25 to \$1.50; CABBAGES were quiet; per barrel car, 50 to 55¢.

### Live Stock Markets.

PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE, small; choice, \$5.00 to \$5.25; prime heavy, \$5.50 to \$5.60; medium, heavy and light Yorkers, \$4.50 to \$4.65; \$5.50 to \$5.55; SOUTHERN, 10 to 12; choice, 12 to 14; choice, 12 to 14; common sheep, \$2.50 to \$3; spring lambs, \$4.50 to \$5; real calves, \$6.50 to \$7.

Norris, the jeweler and optician, is always ready and willing to make good any guarantee he gives you with his goods. If they do not turn out just as you expect them to, return to him and he will satisfy you at any cost.

## ESSEX

Lightning—Labor Question—Canning Blackberries—Mosquitoes.

Dunsmuir, Va., June 24.

Lightning struck an old shade tree in a yard in Tappahannock during one of the fearful electric storms, and the bolt followed as far as could be traced, the same course taken by a bolt which struck the same tree in about the same spot about a year ago. That lightning never strikes in the same place twice is an exploded idea. Now, speaking of this thunderstorm, there is a pile of woods between Dunsmuir and Ware's Wharf where lightning has struck more frequently in the same small area than any other spot ever heard of so far as this section goes. Mr. Robert L. Ware, the owner of the property, thinks it probable that there may be a deposit of some metallic substance which attracts the lightning. As far as can be seen, there is nothing peculiar about the spot, just ordinary forest trees, pines and oaks and such other common to this section. But tree after tree has been blasted by bolts of lightning. On Tuesday night, while Mr. Willard Hoskins and Mr. Beane were out for a walk, lightning struck a phone pole, and was conducted for miles before it was grounded. Mr. Hoskins gives a vivid description of the phenomenon. He says a great ball of fire rolling along the wires and now and then it would pop like a pistol. He says up to that time they had been driving under the wires, but after this explosion, he made his horse ling the other side of the road, and they walked. The other side of the road, there is a colored man, living near here who every kind of lightning, that he will throw every kind of metal out of his pockets, including dimes and dollars, when they are in evidence of the changes in the air. He says, "I said to him once when he was expressing himself about his fears of the subtle fluid, 'suppose you had a brand new gold watch in your pocket, what do you do with it?' 'Man, I'd fling it away like a pistol. 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